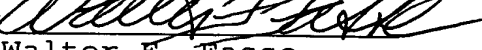


REMARKS:

- 1) The specification has been amended to incorporate amendments submitted on December 9, 2004 under PCT Article 34 in the PCT International Phase, as well as typical US application section headings and a few minor clerical or editorial corrections, which do not introduce new matter.
- 2) Claims 1 to 12 have been canceled and new claims 13 to 21 have been introduced. The new claims 13 to 21 are based on a translation of the PCT amended claims 1 to 9 submitted on December 9, 2004 under PCT Article 34 in the PCT International Phase, except that the new US claims 13 to 21 omit multiple dependencies.
- 3) The PCT International Preliminary Examination Report was based on the above mentioned PCT amended claims, and found that all of those claims satisfied all criteria for patentability including novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability.
- 4) Favorable consideration and allowance of claims 13 to 21 are respectfully requested.

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